TRADE DISPUTE.

Strike at Messrs. Manfield's.

NEARLY 200 MEN OUT.

This morning nearly 200 men in the welted room at Messrs. Manfield's factory, Northampton, did not return to work in consequence of a dispute.

According to the Union officials, when they consulted, their action was precipitated by the discharge of a workman.

Mr. Springer, Messrs. Manfield's manager, and Mr. D. Stanton, J.P., had a long interview this morning, as the result of which Mr. Stanton was to see the men again in the afternoon.

The firm consider the action of the men is not justified, as no complaint was made to the foreman of the room or the manager.

Unless the negotiations in progress end in the men's return to work on Monday, the employers will be compelled to close the whole of the welted shoe trade in Northampton, as the machinery will be settled before that eventuality arises.

At a meeting of strikers in the Temperance Hall this afternoon, the men decided to return to work on Monday, pending further negotiations with the firm. A further meeting of the operatives will be held on Monday evening.

THE RAILWAYS.

Cheap Tickets on the N.-W.

The London and North-Western Railway Company give notice that excursion, market, pleasure party, theatrical, and other cheap tickets will be reinstated on and from Monday next; also that week-end and Saturday to Monday tickets will be issued commencing on Friday and Saturday next.

TELEGRAPH CLERKS

Under Home Rule.

THE CARDIFF CONFERENCE.

The Postal Telegraph Clerks' Executive Committee to-day instructed the Executive Committee to take immediate steps to safeguard the interests of its members under the proposed new administration of Home Rule.

Mr. Bridges, M.P., said he was delighted to express surprise at the proposed handing over of Irish post office affairs, seeing that precisely the same had been officially circularised, as had other Irish Civil servants. Many workers would prefer to be transferred to English and Scotch offices.

MILITARY COMMAND

For Colonel Bernard.

Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel F. T. H. Bernard, a unionist candidate for the North Bucks, has been appointed to the command of the 3rd Battalion of the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in place of Colonel Sir Thomas C. T. Warner, Bart., C.B., who is relinquishing his command, but has been granted permission to retain his rank and wear the prescribed uniform.

COAL STRIKE SUFFERERS.

Premier's View.

The Prime Minister, in a printed reply to Mr. Mannetti, states that he is glad to see that the re-opening of mines has already relieved the pressure of distress in many districts. No one can be indifferent to the sufferings of the poor. Member, namely, asking Parliament for a vote on account for immediate relief of sufferers. The Government cannot strike in the United Kingdom and Ireland, seems to be called for.

The Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company announce that a number of excursion trains will be reinstated on Monday, including fast trains between Liverpool and Manchester, Preston, Blackburn, and Manchester, while the full electric service will also be reinstated.

The Great Central Railway Company to-day announce that, beginning on Monday, all advertised cheap excursions and Saturday to Monday tickets by ordinary trains will be reinstated.

TRANSPORT WORKERS.

No Foundation for Strike Rumours.

The District Council of the Transport Workers' Federation, which met in Liverpool last night, and the Executive of the Dockers' Union, which met to-day, adopted a resolution strongly condemning the extravagant, irresponsible and unauthorised statements as to the possibility of a general strike of transport workers in the early summer.

Mr. J. Sexton to-day said no such question had been discussed, nor was there any foundation for discussing it. They deplored that any person not authorised should make such statements without foundation.

FRANCE TO LONDON

By Airship.

Paris, Saturday.—Provost left Issy Les Moulineaux at a quarter to seven this morning in a monoplane with a passenger. It is reported its destination is London.—Reuter.

LOVE TRAGEDY.

Murderer Shot by Policeman

Paris, Saturday. — A Servian student named Miodray yesterday evening shot his fiancee dead in the street. Escaping on a bicycle, he fired at his pursuers, but a policeman shot him, and he died from the wound to-day.—Reuter.

SHEFFIELD MOULDERS.

The Dispute Settled.

The Sheffield moulders' dispute was settled at a mass meeting to-day, and by a majority of seven men who have been on strike for seven weeks will resume work on Wednesday pending a conference with the employers for a settlement of the points in dispute and the formation of a conciliation board to decide what shall belongs to moulders and what to coremakers. The main cause of the trouble was the introduction of machine the work in their department was given to coremakers, who are paid less.

SHOE LASTER'S DEATH.

Was it the Result of an Accident?

JURY AND DOCTORS.

The question of how far an accident was responsible for death was investigated by the Northampton Borough Coroner (Mr. Wallace Watts) at the General Hospital to-day (Saturday). The unfortunate man was Harry Gilliard, aged 46, a shoe maker, of 26, Charles-street, Northampton, who died in the General Hospital on Thursday.

Mr. G. A. T. Vials represented the relatives, and Mr. J. S. Stops the Employers' Insurance Company.

Kate Miller, the wife, said her husband was admitted to the Hospital on January 31, before which date he had been an out-patient. He had worked at the Messrs Facer's for 20 years. Deceased had an accident at the factory in consequence of a peg breaking. He told her he had run a peg into his leg.

By Mr. Stops: He worked up till shortly before Christmas.

William Underwood, 58, Chesham-street, a shoe machinist, who was working with Miller at the time of the accident, said he was putting a heel on a last, the pin broke and he fell backwards. At his back there was a boot rack, against which he fell. He complained of pain at the time. He complained just before Christmas, saying that he ripped his foot against the shoe he occurred. Deceased said Miller had his ankle amputated some weeks ago. He had not been so well the last few days as previously. He complained of his sore him on the night he died about half-past ten when he appeared as usual.

By Mr. Haigh: Said Miller had his ankle amputated. A post-mortem showed that he was tubercular. He had not been out of doors after Christmas, and had had peritonitis.

By the jury: In his opinion the accident was in no way the cause of death. Death was due to acute tubercular peritonitis.

Dr. Jones, house surgeon at the Hospital, said that when deceased was admitted he was suffering from an abscess in his foot, and on February 1 a slight operation took place. On March 6 it was considered necessary to remove the man's foot. Hearing commenced on the day before he died. Hearing commenced on the day before he died. The man had shown no sign in the lungs of chronic tuberculosis. He did not know that Miller had had an accident, but the diseased bone in the ankle was of a tuberculous nature. He had treated the man for tubercular disease of the foot.

By the Coroner: A severe blow might accelerate the disease in a tubercular bone.

Dr. R. A. Millgate's evidence was to the suggestion of Mr. Stops. He agreed absolutely with the evidence of Dr. Haigh. Assuming that the man had "picked" his foot, he did not consider that would accelerate his death.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, but the foreman said they were unanimous in their opinion that death was accelerated by the result of an accidental fall.

According to a White Paper, the total quantity of wines imported to this country during 1911 was 12,070,325 gallons—10,625,959 gallons in cask, and 1,709,362 in bottles.

The French police raided a house and secured a large quantity of valuables stolen from numerous, as well as lottery which may lead to the recovery of the missing Louvre masterpiece, the "Joconde."

FOOTBALL.

To-Day's Play.

ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

Cobblers v. Bristol Rovers.

Bristol Rovers, who were on the Northampton ground last season, are generally run the Cobblers close in the matter of goal-scoring, and the League and another owners' meeting, under the Cup Competition, they have spoiled North-ampton's home record. Last season they beat them two out of five goals. At Bristol in December, another goal was the bet.

The Cobblers were not at full strength to-day. Lemons is suffering from a bad knee, and it is hardly likely will be able to play next week. With Aing ill, too, places were found at the forward line for Tull and Bedford. This is the first time the latter has appeared in the Southern League this season.

NORTHAMPTON.

Thorpe

Clipston Mannion | Hampson Foster | Darlos Tomkins

Walden | Redhead | Tull | Lewis | Freeman

Long | Brogan | Jones | Haggar | Poulton

Morris | Bennett | Shaw | Williams | Harvie

BRISTOL ROVERS.

The Game.

The Cobblers completely over-ran their opponents in the first five minutes, but the forwards lacked penetrative power. Smart work by Weldon led to Morris banging just outside. By penalty led to Morris banging just outside. By penalty kick, but Lewis got behind them in the first half. A good centre by Freeman caused the Rovers' defence trouble, and Bennett fisted over Redhead's head.

Another scramble followed in front of the Rovers' goal, but Lewis, in attempting to shoot for Tull, who was unmarked, missed weakly and put behind. Walden caused the Bristol defence a good deal of anxiety, but the inside forwards were not very punctual.

The Rovers' attack had been well held in check by Clipston and Davies, and the home halves had plenty of time to look after their forwards, but Lewis, who was apparently offside, made a dash and a fine centre, which Long drove home a few feet from goal. Both sides were now congratulating themselves on their success when the referee, a man, who had previously been offside, approached the referee. As the result the official awarded the Cobblers a goal.

Another failing on the part of the Cobblers' attack was illustrated, when Freeman, after a sparkling centre, with Tull, Lewis, and Redhead all in a bunch, Redhead should have taken the ball on to goal, and it was left to the centre forward to collar it in a fast stride and put home quietly. Redhead did ease-dead work in getting his own back after their forwards had been beaten by his half, and taking the ball on himself he sent across smartly. Lewis was there with only the goalkeeper to beat, but Bonser dashed out and saved his interests, dived into the far corner, and with the charge. He came out with the ball in his hands, and being met by Freeman, he placed it to his head for a corner as the lesser of two evils.

From this Morris got away, but he failed to centre attack speedily returned, for Redhead to make a glittering chance offered to Freeman, but centring was not the Cobblers' strong point.

Bristol were almost completely dismissed in the first half, their defence was fairly effective. Once they got away on the right, however, they were very dangerous, but their finishing power was lacking. A free kick for a foul two yards from the penalty line led to another chance with a tremendous drive, but Thorpe nipped in the way and cleared splendidly.

Another ill wind blew up for the Cobblers when Jones, who had previously been off duty, left the goalkeeper fell near the post. Lewis put across the empty goal, but Tull was unable to get there in time to